

Hitting home

A BYU student from Yugoslavia answers questions about the bombings in Kosovo at an information booth in the Wilkinson Student Center.

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Run away with it

The men's and women's track and field teams compete today at Fort Collins, Colo. for the WAC championships.

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Utah County farmers expect crickets and grasshoppers to be a problem this summer.

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President Clinton and the King of Jordan, Abdullah, visit at the White House. Both men hope to help Israel's prime minister continue the peace process.

President says U.S. will aid Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Encouraged by Israel's wide margin of victory, President Clinton said Tuesday the United States is eager to help Israel's prime minister pursue peace accords with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon. "The road map is out there," Clinton said, referring to last year's Oslo agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. "We'll do what we can to get it done. I've been working on it for six years, and I'm looking forward to continuing."

Clinton spoke during a picture-taking session in the Oval Office with King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Clinton's son, Prince William, who is an engineer, and his wife, Kate, were also present.

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last October.

Shoval said Israelis of all political views were concerned about the kind of attack Hezbollah guerrillas launched from Lebanon today on northern Israel and questioned whether a Palestinian state was desirable.

Shoval told The Associated Press later that he had submitted his resignation earlier in the day — a traditional step that clears the way for Barak to make his own choice for the high-profile diplomatic post.

Clinton made clear in a statement issued by the White House that he expected the conciliatory, new Israeli leader to pursue "a just, lasting and comprehensive peace."

That would mean not only concluding talks with the Palestinians, which have not even begun, on their demands for a state with its capital in Jerusalem, but negotiating with Syria over the Golan Heights, a strategic border enclave held by Israel.

On the Lebanon front, the primary topic in peace talks would be the security belt Israel and friendly Lebanese militia maintain inside Lebanon's southern border to guard against cross-border attacks.

Judith Kipper, Middle East specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the election of the Labor Party prime minister would return strained U.S.-Israeli relations to normal and put the U.S.-brokered Mideast peace process back on track.

"I think because of his military service, the question of General Barak's devotion to the security of Israel is not in question."

— President Clinton

Of course conflict intersected by agreement

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"In our light," were the words of children as they raised their own safety at the Orem City meeting Tuesday night. A group of 15 children and three mothers held signs in front of the Orem City Center in opposition to a proposed road intersection at 800 North and 800 East. The night is exactly what they got.

Orem City Council voted 4-2 to approve the proposed road intersection at 800 North and 800 East.

The city council meets the city's two main goals.

First, to attain the right of way necessary to build a safe and accessible road to the new elementary school. Second, the agreement provides the financial means and property necessary for the Cascade Golf Course to maintain a nine hole course. This is necessary because the new road cuts into the golf course.

The agreement brought applause from an overflow audience of nearly 100. It also brought a sigh of relief to councilmembers and golf course owner Keven Stratton. The agreement replaced the previous option of condemning the land.

"I always wanted to be fair to Stratton. I never wanted condemnation," said Councilwoman Judy Bell.

Condemnation means the agreement between

Stratton and the city would be decided by the courts. "Anytime you avoid court, it's a good thing because in court all parties are hurt one way or another," Stratton said.

Under the agreement the city will pay Stratton \$1.35 million to reconstruct the golf course. Because the new road cuts into the Cascade Golf Course, Stratton must reconstruct hole No. 1 and No. 9, the driving range, the club house, and the parking area. A buffer zone will also be built on the east side of the course to prevent golf balls from entering the residential area.

Stratton is leasing the land from the city under a

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City council approves budget for Academy Square Library

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The Provo City Council unanimously voted for the approval of the new Academy Square Library budget Tuesday night. The vote triggered the process to issue the tax bonds, although discussion will continue for 30 days before final approval begins.

The reconstruction of the old Brigham Young Academy Building into the new Provo City library has been an issue for more than two

years. A committee made up of city officials was designed, and a contractor was hired to oversee the project.

However, the issue was not without controversy. More than 50 Provo residents gathered at the meeting to offer opposition against the new library and bonds. Leader Barbara Kinghorn said that the people needed answers to their questions and requested more time before the building budget was approved.

"This isn't over till the fat lady

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Chinese scholars to visit BYU campus

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Six Chinese scholars are coming to BYU on Wednesday and Thursday to meet with BYU's Special Education Department.

Peter Chan, a graduate student from Hong Kong majoring in instructional psychology and technology, is hosting and interpreting for the Chinese scholars.

Chan said these scholars are representing the China Disabled Persons Federation, the organization in charge of Special Education in China.

Chan said special education is a new area in China compared to the United States. Because millions of people in China need special education programs the Chinese government has paid more attention to this problem, Chan said. The China Disabled Persons Federation has hundreds of schools and thousands of employees, Chan said.

Sheila Hewett of the School of Education said two of the six members of the visiting group are members of the China Disabled Persons Federation.

Two of the other visitors are principals in China, one at a school for the deaf and one at a school for the mentally disabled.

While the Chinese scholars are in Utah they will meet with BYU's Special Education Department, visit BYU's Audiology and Speech Pathology Lab and visit special schools designed to educate children with disabilities, Chan said.

Hewett said the Chinese scholars and BYU faculty in the Special Education Department will exchange research and expertise in the field. Both groups have similar agendas and will meet together to present and share what each group has found, she said.

Hewett said the Chinese scholars will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday they will travel to Salt Lake City, where, among other things, they will visit Temple Square.

For some of the Chinese scholars, this is their first visit to the United States, Chan said. Because of the NATO bombings, the visitors would not have come if they had left a few days later.

Chan said they were lucky to be able to come at this time.



After 16 years, the Star Wars saga finally begins with "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace." "The Phantom Menace" takes place a generation before Star Wars and revolves around a conflict between the Commercial Trade Federation and the planet of Naboo. Fans across the nation have formed lines weeks in advance to see the new film, which will open in select theaters today. For more coverage, see page 5.

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News Briefs

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Salmonella strain found in cheese

SAN FRANCISCO — A strain of drug-resistant salmonella bacteria, which caused two outbreaks of digestive illness, has been linked for the first time to raw milk used to make a cheese popular with Hispanics, according to a report released Tuesday.

The outbreaks struck three Northern California counties, peaking in February 1997 and involving 31 patients; and the Yakima, Wash. area, peaking in April 1997 and involving 79 patients. They were the first such outbreaks of drug-resistant salmonella, and almost all those sickened were Hispanic.

All the cases were linked to Mexican-style soft cheese made from unpasteurized milk, according to the report, which appears in the May 19 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

"We'd been tracking this kind of salmonella and noticed it's been on the increase, but have never been able to trace it to a source before now," said Dr. Sara H. Cody, a communicable disease control officer with the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health.

Tanner resigns as SLOC officer

SALT LAKE CITY — The chief financial officer for the Salt Lake Olympics Committee resigned Tuesday.

Mark S. Tanner said he will become chief financial officer at Salt Lake-based Mrs. Field's Cookies on June 1.

"It's an organization that will exist in 2003, 2004, 2005 and onward," Tanner said.

Tanner dismissed the suggestion that he felt left out after SLOC President Mitt Romney and his new chief operating officer, Fraser Bullock, arrived.

"I feel like I've been very much in the loop," Tanner said. "It's not like I'm choosing between something good and something bad."

Romney said Tanner's departure does not hurt the committee much. "Fortunately, in the financial area, we are very deep," he said.

Romney said Tanner's departure should not worry sponsors because they had no dealings with him.

Study shows Utah children fare well

SALT LAKE CITY — A new study reports that children in Utah fare pretty well compared to their counterparts nationwide.

The state has the lowest percentage of households headed by a single parent, according to the newly released 1999 KIDS COUNT data book prepared by the Annie C. Casey Foundation.

The foundation's annual report suggests Utah has made strides in nine of 10 measurements of children's well-being between 1985 and 1996, among them drops in the rates of infant mortality; child deaths; teen births; and high school dropouts.

Utah ranked fifth in child well-being among the 50 states in the annual comparison, outpaced by New Hampshire, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

But the report also suggests that 5 percent of Utah's children, some 34,000, live in families with four or more factors rendering them "high risk."

Nationwide, 14 percent of children lived in "high-risk" families in 1996.

Columbine-like massacre planned

PORT HURON, Mich. — Four teen-agers plotted to buy and steal weapons for a massacre at their middle school that would top the death toll at Columbine High School, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

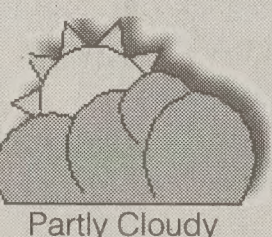
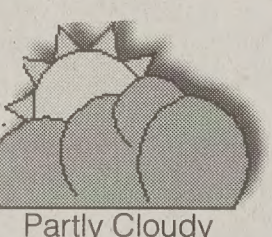
"This was to be a Colorado-style shooting and bombing ... The goal was to kill more people than in Columbine," said St. Clair County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Wendling, referring to last month's school shooting in which two gunmen killed 13 people and then committed suicide.

The boys also planned to rape girls at the Holland Woods Middle School, Wendling said at the arraignment for two of the suspects, both 13 years old. He would not elaborate on the charge outside of court.


Defense lawyers said the boys — Daniel Fick and Jonathan McDonald — have a clean record and that the Colorado shooting had created "hysteria" in the schools.

The 13-year-old boys were ordered held on \$100,000 bail. Fourteen-year-olds Justin J. Schnepf and Jedaiah D. Zinzo were arraigned Friday and ordered held on \$100,000 cash bond.

Weather

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Scripture of the Day

"For I, Jacob, and my brother Joseph had been consecrated priests and teachers of this people, by the hand of Nephi. And we did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibility, answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence; wherefore, by laboring with our might their blood might not come upon our garments; otherwise their blood would come upon our garments, and we would not be found spotless at the last day."

— Jacob 2:18-19

Shanda Norton, 19, a freshman from Palmer, Alaska, likes this scripture because "it's a good service scripture and talks about seeking and obtaining the kingdom of God."



22 charges read to former coach

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A volunteer youth football coach hung his head as a Utah Fourth District Court Judge read the 22 charges of sexual offenses against him Tuesday.

The court room, which had been bustling all morning, quieted as Danny P. Pitcher, 45, listened to the charges.

The charges against Pitcher include sodomy on a child, aggravated sexual abuse of a child, forcible sexual abuse, lewdness and dealing harmful material to a minor.

The maximum sentencing for these charges includes seven life prison terms, eleven 15-year prison terms, two five-year prison terms, and two six-month jail terms.

The maximum fines for all the charges total \$192,350.

Pitcher's attorney, Shannon Demler, said his client felt "concerned" and "nervous" as the judge read the charges.

The crimes Pitcher is charged with

occurred between March 1996 and February 1999. During this time Pitcher was a volunteer youth football coach with the Utah Valley Football League.

The Utah Valley Football League organizes football teams for middle-school-age kids. Randy Park, a board member of the league, said they regret the incident.

"If any good comes of this I hope it's that more parents get involved," Park said.

According to court records Pitcher had his teaching certificate revoked in 1983 for similar allegations.

"If the 1983 allegations are true, there should have been some remedy back then that would prevent someone from getting into that situation again," Demler said.

Pitcher will appear before Judge James R. Taylor for a waiver hearing June 9. This hearing is when Pitcher will announce whether he plans to enter into a plea bargain or to contest the charges against him.

"Right now we need to go through police reports, go over the charges filed and go from there," Demler said.

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sings," Kinghorn said. "I still think there is time to stop this."

Among the opposition were questions of higher taxes, illegal changes on the budget and a gag order restraining information. Kinghorn said she hoped there would be a revote on the bond for Provo residents.

Billings, the architect and the contractor answered the majority of the questions brought up by the residents. "The questions tonight really don't have a legal basis, but they showed that the people really wanted to understand," Billings said.

Billings said he and other people with government influence had opposed the library, but the construction could not be stopped because of the many reasons to create the Academy Square Library.

Billings said that the project members had researched extensively and that the decision had not been a "slam dunk and push through" project.

The City Council meeting began with numerous library project leaders such as the architect, construction oversight committee members, contractor and other people working for the library building who voiced their approval of the project.

Among the was Tina Blaze, a representative of the Utah Heritage Foundation. This foundation had previously sued the city government about the library project.

"We have been amazed at how thorough the committee has been to make sure the historical will not interfere in the library program," Blaze said.

The bid to approve the budget for the library was the next step before the bonds could be created. The bonds are additional taxes that would be imposed on Provo residents.

Kinghorn said that the bonds will be higher than the city has previously stated. The city said the bonds would only cost each citizen \$63 per year for every \$100,000 in property.

"When it all boils down, I'll swear on a stack of Bibles that it will be \$180 (per year for \$100,000)," Kinghorn said.

Kinghorn said she has been researching this project for months and said she has approached the city government numerous times, but no one would listen to her.

The city will be accepting information for the next 30 days before the bonds begin.

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Student speaks out about Kosovo

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As a Yugoslavian living in a country that is bombing her homeland, Lizzie Jevtic has had to field numerous questions about the conflict in Kosovo.

So Jevtic, a BYU student originally from Sombor, Yugoslavia, arranged to have an information booth in the Wilkinson Student Center where she could answer all the questions at once.

"I think that information is the best way to stimulate people to start thinking," she said.

While it may be too late to stop this round of bombing, better understanding between nations will prevent conflicts in the future, Jevtic said.

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— Lizzie Jevtic,
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dent from Calgary, Alberta.

"She doesn't want to get mad. All she wants to do is inform," Lamarche said.

The conversations Jevtic is generating are important, Lamarche said.

"I think this is one of the greatest things we can do here at BYU," he said.

Jacob Bair, 24, a visiting student from Morehead City,

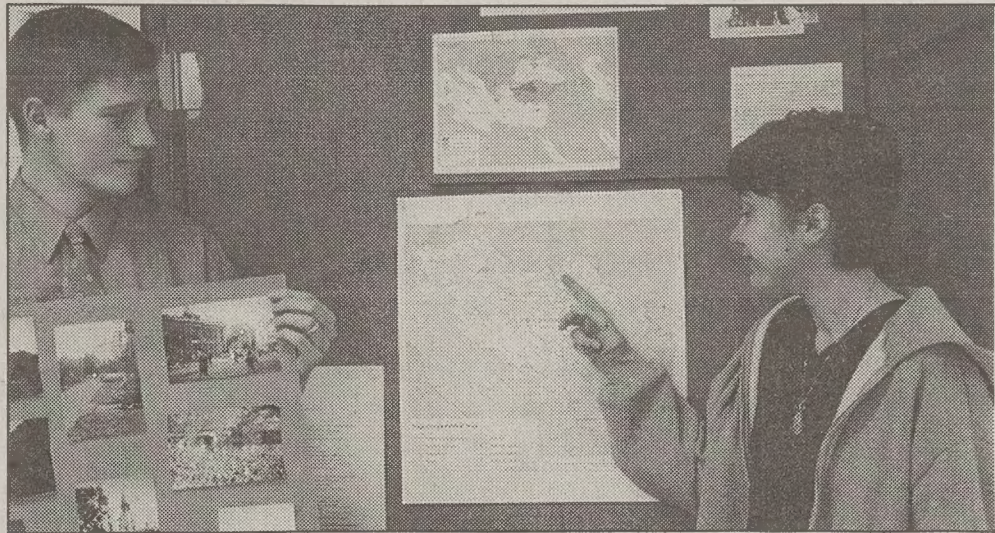
N.C., studying Spanish translation, said his discussion with Jevtic helped him better understand the dividing lines of the conflicts in the region.

Bair, who has ancestors from Croatia, said he has paid careful attention to Balkan conflicts since he was in high school.

"I'm third generation removed, so it's kind of personal for me," he said.

Jevtic was born in Sombor, about an hour and a half north of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.

She fled the country with her father and brother when they were drafted into the Yugoslavian army during the Bosnian conflict.



B. J. Lamarche, International Student Association president, left, watches as Lizzie Jevtic, a sophomore from Yugoslavia, points to her hometown on a map.

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Repent, change prof. Webb says

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A spiritual change of heart is a life process, BYU professor Brent Webb said in Tuesday's sermon.

"You must not become discouraged and do not receive the witness and associated change of heart at night," said Webb, a professor of mechanical engineering and the executive director of the Office of Church and Creative Activities.

Through personal stories and stories from the Book of Mormon, Webb related how only Christ can keep a changed heart beating strongly, prevent further disease from coming in and can provide the guidance for the proper diet and exercise of the soul.

One of the stories was about John, a mechanical engineering graduate whom Webb taught. John underwent chemotherapy for bone cancer he developed in his leg when he was 11 years old. Although John's leg was healed, the chemotherapy caused cardiomyopathy, a heart condition that required him to get a heart transplant.

Members of a young cart victim donated their daughter's heart for John's transplant. It was a physical change of heart," said, "that spared John from

premature death."

Through the words of Alma, Webb compared John's story to "our need for a symbolic change of heart, with the certain safety from spiritual death."

"As was the case with John's diseased heart, if treatment is not sought, the effects are fatal," Webb said.

Webb's message was that through repentance, a change of heart brings a change of both life and lifestyle. The change of heart can even show on our faces, he said.

"A healthy heart gives light to our countenances that show to those around us," Webb said. "The changes in the person's life who has undergone sincere repentance are often so dramatic that they are noticeable on the outside."

Those who attended the Devotional found they could relate to the subject matter.

"Things rang true for me through the entire talk. His basic message was, if we haven't been spiritually reborn, it's a long process. It doesn't happen all at once," said Matt Parks, 18, a sophomore from Provo majoring in construction management.

In addition to the stories and the message, Webb made people laugh.

"I thought he was funny," said Sarah Richins, 19, a freshman from Orlando, Fla., majoring in family science. "I liked his sense of humor and his style."

Spring brings rest for SAC

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Student Advisory Council will begin their biweekly meetings during spring and summer terms, but that doesn't mean they will be backing away from student issues.

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closing of South Campus Drive. "They are gating off one of the most beautiful parts of campus," Christensen said.

Both of these issues will be discussed extensively within SAC and taken to the administration, where hopefully a decision will be made, Christensen said.

Even with issues like these facing the student body, many students seem to be unaware of SAC's role and purpose at BYU.

SAC, which falls under the umbrella of BYUSA, is an outlet for students' problems, said BYUSA President Eric Perry. "Its structure is similar to that of a student senate. This is the place where students can take their issues and have them heard on a level that will actually make a difference to them," he said.

SAC consists of around 40 representatives who are appointed or elected from different groups and organizations around campus, Perry said.

"Every student is represented in one way or another. Every college has a representative, which is usually picked by the dean," Christensen said. Many departments and clubs also appoint representatives, and then Christensen fills the other positions through an application process.

In the past, there has been a "give us your concern and we'll solve it for you" attitude. But BYUSA and SAC are trying to move away from that, Perry said.

Students often have concerns and are not sure where to take them or who they need to talk to, said BYUSA Executive Vice President Sharon Varga. "It is important for students to understand that there is a direct link if they bring their issues to SAC," she said.

If a student has a concern or suggestion related to BYU, they should take it directly to SAC, Christensen said. SAC will then offer resources and suggestions so the administration can hear the student's opinions before they make their decisions, he said.

"If students want to see things change, please come in and see us," Christensen said. "But we aren't a complaint box. We want to help students help themselves."

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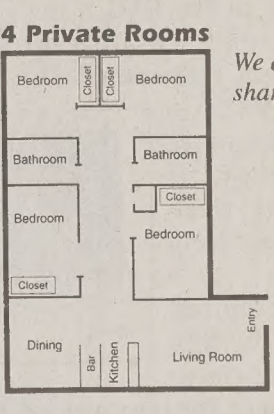


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OPINION

No place for gambling

A federal panel is on to something. On Monday, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission included in its recommendations a proposal to ban betting on collegiate sporting events — something that is legal in both Nevada and Oregon.

The following day, Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., called the measure a “ridiculous recommendation that will never be accepted by Congress or the casinos in Nevada,” according to the Associated Press.

While Gibbons may be right that the recommendation will never make its way through Congress, a ban on legalized gambling in college sports is anything but ridiculous.

From the Kentucky Derby to the Super Bowl, gambling is almost as much a part of sports as the actual game itself. And while the ethics of betting on sports is an issue in itself, one thing is certain. Gambling involving college athletics is a complete violation of the integrity of the sport.

College athletics have enough problems already. The sports pages are filled with reports of recruiting violations, player misconduct and illegal activities involving boosters. From South Bend to Ann Arbor to Boston, few campuses are immune.

So what effect does gambling have on college athletics? Take a look at the last five years, where on-campus gambling scandals have been piling up faster than Jose Canseco's traffic violations.

March 1997: Two Northwestern basketball players, Kenneth Dion Lee and Dewey Williams, are charged with point shaving in trying to fix the outcome of three games during the 1994-95 season. Two other men, Kevin Pendergast and Brian Irving, are charged with conspiring to fix the outcome of the games and betting on Northwestern's opponents in Nevada casinos.

1997: Two Arizona State basketball players plead guilty to point shaving, while 15 fraternities are linked to records of an on-campus illegal gambling ring.

1996: Two Boston College football players are suspended for betting against their own team. Eleven others are also suspended for gambling.

The problem is obviously not going away. Cedric Dempsey, executive director of the NCAA, was quoted by CNN as saying, “Gambling is as big an addiction on our campuses as alcohol.”

BYU head football coach LaVell Edwards agreed.

“I think one of the real problems is gambling on college campuses period,” Edwards said. “It's a major problem throughout the country. As long as you have it there, it stands to reason that it involves college football.”

Edwards said the reasons college athletes get involved with gambling are varied, from athletes being either greedy, naive or unsuspecting.

And while a large chunk of gambling takes place under the table, any type of legislation that would further divide college athletics from the world of legalized gambling would be a step in the right direction.

“I think it would dramatically reduce the opportunity of getting athletes involved,” Edwards said.

Theoretically, college sports are about competition, not commerce — the opportunity to play and get an education as opposed to an all out emphasis on winning.

True, this is often not the case, especially when it comes to the revenue sports of football and basketball. But the fact remains that collegiate athletics, in order to fulfill their purpose, must maintain a dignity and standard that is high above that of professional sports — where dollar signs are the singular purpose.

Ever wonder why the NCAA has a book of rules thicker than Mark McGwire's forearms? When it comes to the college game, too many rules are better than too few. One need not look any further than the list of this decade's college gambling scandals to understand.

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From the Fifth Floor

Let's not get carried away

Recently, many pages in The Universe and other publications have been devoted to the fire-hard “Star Wars” fans camping out in hopes of securing a ticket for the premiere of “Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace.”

So after hearing many reports of the happenings down at Wynnsong theaters, curiosity nudged me to pay a visit to the commune of dedicated Force followers.

And what I saw exceeded my expectations.

The swirling line of makeshift tents wrapping around the theater certainly had enough to entertain and interest, from 20-year-old men fighting with plastic light sabers to people playing “Star Wars” Trivial Pursuit by the light of a lantern. There were “Star Wars” books, cardboard cutouts of Chewbacca and teros blasting the film's theme music non-stop. Near the front of the line, a man dressed in a Ben Kenobi robe was listening to his amp-mate tell Yoda jokes while his friends were setting up a VCR in preparation for a late-night howling of the trilogy. At least three parents were saying visits to their long lost children.

And although I admired the happy campers' loyalty and their determination to withdraw from society for two weeks in anticipation of the film, I came away from Wynnsong feeling a little worried.

Now before I go on, let me just say that I love “Star Wars.” I grew up watching the movies, and I owned my share of “Star Wars” figures as a kid. I am excited to see the new movie, but I'm not about to set up a tent outside the theater. The only tickets I'd camp out for are ones that have either “Rose Bowl” or “Sheryl Crow” printed on them.

But for those who have chosen to spend two weeks of their lives in line, more power to them. We should admire their passion.

So why am I worried? Simple. It seems that this year's mania is sending the “Star Wars” phenomenon down to the level of the Trekkie. My worries may have something to do with fans I've already developed concerning “Star Trek.” For example, 10 years ago, my brother, while working at a theater during the premier of the 37th or so “Star Trek” movie, was nearly mauled by a Trekkie who demanded entry to the theater by making a sign with his hand and squawking in some secret “Star Trek” dialect.

Maybe it has something to do with the endless remote control battles that I've waged with my “Star Trek”-loving roommates over the last three years, trying desperately to keep the hours of “SportsCenter” untarnished by “Voyager,” “The Next Generation” and the 2,000 other spin-offs that came from the original.

Now I am not here to mock “Star Trek” — just Trekkies. In fact, most of the “Star Trek” fans I know are ashamed at the scrutiny brought on their show by the overzealous few who hang out at conventions and have all the episodes catalogued and memorized.

Remember the “Saturday Night Live” episode where during one sketch, William Shatner was seen addressing a crowd at a “Star Trek” convention. He simply said, “Get a life, will you, people. I mean, for crying out loud, it's just a TV show.”

My only hope is that “Star Wars” fans aren't headed down the same path — putting on Yoda ears, studying the Wookiee language and never departing without uttering the phrase “May the Force be with you.”

So “Star Wars fans,” let's avoid going to extremes. It is possible to enjoy the movie without draping a Jedi robe around your shoulders to go to the theater.

After all, the film's modesty is part of what made the series great. “Star Wars” appealed to so many people for a reason. It doesn't take itself too seriously. If it did, how else could we watch giant slugs and blue elephants playing the keyboard and not find the film ridiculous?

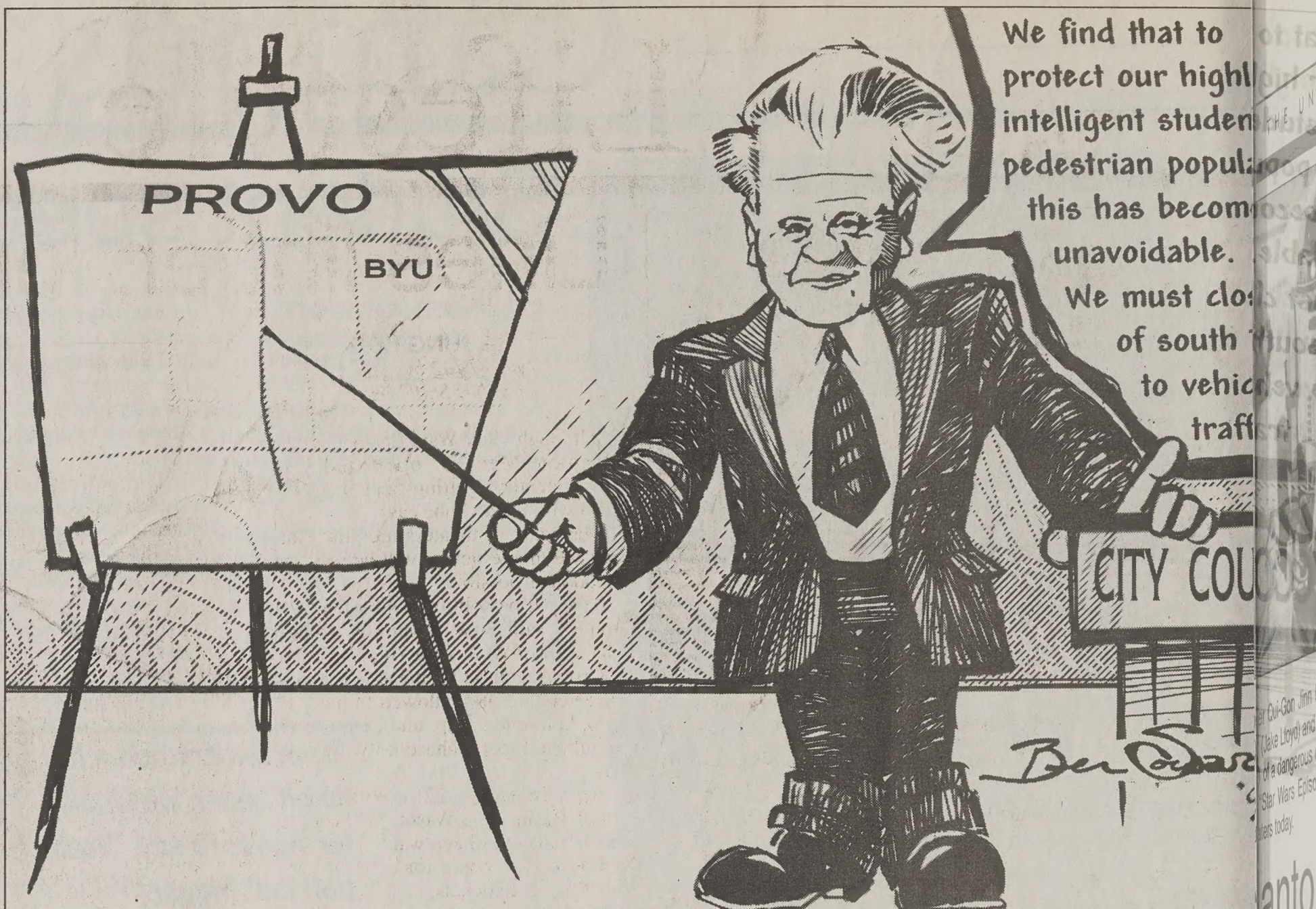
The fairy tale plot is compelling, the characters lovable and the film not burdened with science fiction clichés. “Star Wars” even intrigues people like me, who would like to see the whole sci-fi genre (with a few exceptions) buried in a large landfill on some other continent.

So fans, camp out and have your fun. Watch the movie and savor the fact that you were part of this event. But let's avoid inflicting upon ourselves the fate of the “Star Trek” follower. Let's not make it hard to admit to being a Star Wars fan.

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Readers' Forum

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Morality the key

Dear Editor:

Over the past 80 years, morality and the belief in God have been progressively removed from our schools and government. Lacking a moral fiber and backbone, of course the liberties that God granted us in this nation will be abused to licentiousness. We see radical individualism, hatred of one another and a total distrust of society. Finally, the fruits of this moral decay have begun to manifest themselves in terror and violence.

Only, we don't want to see these signs for what they are, for the results of the loss of morality and hatred of God that academics, the media and many in power have wanted. They only feel the terror of suddenly realizing that a free people without any morality to guide them are capable of great harm to them. What is their solution? It is to take away our freedom. In that way they don't have to address the deficiencies in their lives, their own lack of morality and the possibility that God will hold them accountable for their decisions and actions.

What occurred at Columbine was a tragedy. The even greater tragedy is the loss of many, many more souls that is going to occur in this nation because of the loss of morality. And, the problem will not be solved with gun control or any other such laws. It can only be solved with a return to God and morality, to what was a part of the soul of this nation before the academics and others began introducing the philosophies of men, of determinism, of personal irresponsibility and of relativity, such as those of Hegel and Marx, that very few of us even realize are there when we read our high school and college textbooks.

The tragedies will continue until we stop feeling the sorrow of the damned, of people sad that we will not be allowed to continue in our iniquity without responsibility. It will continue until we are prepared to truly change our lives instead of attempting to maintain control and order through force. People must be taught to govern themselves, and must be given the feeling of transcendent belief in what they are following.

Owen Yeates
Logan, Cache County

Not our fault

Dear Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to the letter to the editor about the library copy center and the lack of customer friendliness in regards to the new policy of Signature Card-only payments.

I work at the center in the mornings and was most likely the one who told the writer that she was unable to put money on her card at that time of the day. I sympathize with her because I know what a pain it is to need to do something and be blocked by bureaucracy. The writer and other students who come in need to realize that we are not the policy makers. In fact, the copy center wasn't consulted when it came to the decision to change over to a Signature Card-only payment method.

We who work for the copy center think it is one of the most inane ideas to come down to us, and we realize that it causes a lot of problems for everyone, not to mention more work for us. Nothing would please us more than to go back to accepting all previous forms of payment, especially since the problem is just going to get worse once the vending machines are installed.

As for giving the writer the wrong information about the bookstore, I apologize for that too. It was my understanding that the bookstore opened at 7:50 a.m. each day, which would have been the first available time for her to put money on her card. The fact that we don't have a cashier from 7 to 8 a.m. each day is another problem that the administration who came up with this should have taken into account. The writer was not the first person to need something done at that time, and most likely won't be the last.

All we ask is for some patience and understanding, especially since we are not the ones responsible. Those who do want to protest should call the library business office.

Jordan S. Augustine
Lafayette, La.

Tragedy hits home

Dear Editor:

I am one of many former Columbine High School students attending BYU. What happened in our Littleton community one month ago was a very frightening and trying experience that has gripped the nation. The innocent lives lost, many heroically, won't soon be forgotten, and we continue to pray for those who lost someone very dear to them.

I'm so grateful for the protection of my own sister, a Columbine student, who was safe in the home of her seminary teacher during the senseless shooting rampage. Amid the confusion and heartache following the terrible crime, there was a true outpouring of love and support for our families and community. Thousands of people united in prayer and turned to God for comfort. Numerous lives have been effected and the healing process has just begun. Many people, including myself, have questioned “Why did this happen in Littleton?” The harsh reality is that it could happen anywhere.

As authorities try to come up with solutions to prevent more shootings from happening in our nation's public schools, they are overlooking one simple concept — free agency. This is a great gift that we all have, but, unfortunately, too many people are abusing their agency and falling into the hands of the adversary. Sadly, there will be more individuals who will find ways to inflict harm upon others, even with tighter school security and gun control laws. Who knows what tomorrow's headlines will bring or when an unexpected tragedy such as what happened at Columbine will reoccur. Littleton will always be remembered for the Columbine shootings, but for me it's home.

Natali Gunter
Littleton, Colo.

PE issue not a problem

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reply to the letter claiming the PE Issue is not in compliance with the Honor Code. I must agree with your pharisaical letter of the law observation that yes, the shorts are above the knee. However, you need to realize that these shorts are intended for use only in the physical education facilities for athletic activities such as PE classes and free play. Thus, they are in perfect compliance with the BYU's Honor Code which states in the Dress and Grooming Standards section paragraph 3: “Clothing should be modest in fabric, fit, and style, and appropriate for the occasion.”

I assume the writer not condone most athletic events at BYU either since the athletes and cheerleaders involved are wearing clothing that is not acceptable. What can we expect next? A letter condemning the gymnastics team's clothing, the swim team's speedos or the tight pants the football team wears? Maybe a complaint about the coffee jelly beans that are being sold at the bookstore?

The College of Health and Human Performance has made every effort to maintain modesty in the clothing issued to students while also providing appropriate apparel for all the athletic activities that can be found in the Richards Building and Smith Fieldhouse. We also feel it is very important that all students are in compliance with the dress and grooming standards outlined by the

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Lines linger, lengthen for Episode 1

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Although "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" opens today in local theaters, getting tickets for the film won't exactly be easy.

Managers at theaters are anticipating the movie tickets will be sold out as soon as possible.

"They'll be sold out within an hour today," said Scott Dunaway, general manager of Wynnsong Theaters.

Groups waiting in line at Wynnsong Theaters are only allowed to have 12 people to one group, and each person is allowed to purchase only 10 tickets.

Aric Peterson, 22, a sophomore from Basin City, Wash., majoring in economics, has been waiting with his group of 12 people for over 10 days for the movie tickets.

"Each one of us are going to buy ten tickets," Peterson said.

That translates to 120 tickets. So what do people do with 10 tickets for themselves?

"I'm going to give the extra tickets away to friends and family," Peterson said.

Similar to Wynnsong Theaters, Water Gardens Theater in Pleasant Grove is expecting tickets run out quickly.

"I anticipate sold-out tickets for the first month," said Mark Atwood, general manager of Water Gardens



Three children play with a light saber as they camp out in line for "Star Wars" tickets. Theater managers expect tickets to sell out soon after the movie opens.

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Theater.

Although the crowd at Water Gardens Theater isn't as big as the one at Wynnsong Theaters, groups of people are camping out at Water Gardens Theater as well. Unlike Wynnsong Theaters, there isn't a specified number of people in a group, and each person is allowed to purchase up to 12 tickets. Atwood is anticipating to work many hours for the first two weeks.

Not only is the theater showing "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom

Menace" at certain show times to the public, but companies have also bought out the theater during other hours for the companies to come and watch the movie. Atwood will be working odd hours for this reason.

The radio station 107.5 THE END bought 70 tickets from Water Gardens Theater and has been giving them out as prizes.

Although there were hundreds of people anxiously waiting in line for these tickets, there are others who can wait a couple of months until the lines

go down for the long-awaited movie.

"I can't wait to see the movie, but I don't really want to wait in line that long for the tickets," said Jared Marshall, 25, a senior from Placenta, Calif., majoring in occupational therapy.

Wynnsong Theater in Provo, Water Gardens Theater in Pleasant Grove, Spanish 8 Theater in Spanish Fork, and Huish Theater in Payson are the only theaters in the Utah Valley showing "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace."



Courtesy of Lucasfilm Ltd.

Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson), left, tells young Anakin (Jake Lloyd) and Jedi Apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) of a dangerous encounter while R2-D2 (playing himself) in "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" arrives at theaters today.

Phantom Menace's stellar magic

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After 16 years of prequelative years of production around the world and a dollar state of the art graphics investment, "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" arrives today at select theaters.

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the water with the movie to the sweat and the conclusion — it's "Star Wars" magic. As a fan, I am against all convention to endorse a movie, with exception.

"Phantom Menace" stars Jake Lloyd as the young Anakin Skywalker, Ewan McGregor as the Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn, and Natalie Portman as the young queen of planet

"Phantom Menace" introduces characters and holds on to the "Star Wars" magic. As a fan, I am against all convention to endorse a movie, with exception.

"Phantom Menace" begins a new era for Star Wars. Using special effects, Lucas creates a new world in a distant galaxy. The movie is an emerging conflict between the commercial Trade Federation and the peace-loving planet of the corporate powers of

the Federation begin to disregard the authority of an increasingly weak galactic government.

Jedi Knight Qui-Gon Jinn and his young apprentice Obi-Wan are sent to the planet Naboo with their military might. The two Jedi knights must convince the Senate to intercede to prevent a major atrocity.

"The Phantom Menace" is fast paced and action packed. One of the greatest attributes of the film is that it's very clean. Although there are many battle scenes throughout the movie, Lucas shows no blood and there is no foul language.

The movie is full of political and perhaps even spiritual undertones as the continual conflict evolves between the forces of good and evil.

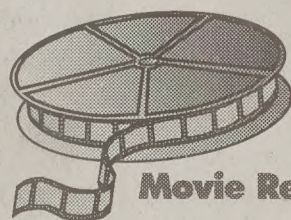
If for nothing else, go see the movie for its special effects. From high speed Podraces that put you in the driver's seat to massive droid battles carried out on distant planets, the effects will definitely keep you awake.

"The Phantom Menace" has the most computer-generated graphics of any movie ever produced. Industrial Light & Magic, the same company that produced the special effects for Jurassic Park, will amaze you with what they have done. They make Star Wars' special effects look almost medieval in comparison. But don't worry, the lightsabers have not changed a bit.

Technically, the film has been in the works since November of 1994. For Lucas, however, it has been a long time coming. After the success of Star Wars Lucas began envisioning an Episode I.

But computerized graphic technology did not exist to make the characters and worlds Lucas envisioned. When technology finally caught up with Lucas' imagination, production for the film began.

Great action, ground-breaking special effects and a simple but interesting story line combine to create an excellent film for young and old.



Movie Review

Boys explode as sequel premieres

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Statement is in the air as "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" makes its debut in select theaters across the country today.

"Star Wars" fans have been waiting months, even years for the movie.

The devotion of "Star Wars" fans is not shared by all. In fact, many moviegoers are trying to understand the hype.

"I always have, but the 'Star Wars' hype," said Mitchell, 20, a junior at Idaho, majoring in

not going to change lives. Maybe it's just that people like getting excited about the latest fad. It was hip to be in love with "Titanic," now it's hip to go crazy over "Star Wars." Plus, we are such slaves to the media. They spend millions playing up some movie, and we go right along with it."

Fads and the media aren't the only explanations people have for the "Star Wars" mania.

"I think people are all worked up about 'Star Wars' because they have waited 16 years or so for this," said Gregg Simmons, 21, a sophomore from Fort Collins, Colo., majoring in civil engineering.

"The old story really grew on people over the years. I think people are expecting the same shock the first 'Star Wars' had on movie industry. It's supposed to be the best," said Clint Boyle, 21, a sophomore from Victor, Idaho, majoring in construction management.

Not all "Star Wars" fans are going to extremes for the latest galaxy film.

"I like 'Star Wars' and all. I think this new movie will be cool, but I think it's kind of silly that people are sleeping outside and doing crazy things just for the movie," said Simmons.

"I've been watching the old movies for 10 years and I like them. I think it will be fun to see another part of the story, but I'm not going to get obsessed over it," Mitchell said.

Star Wars toys in high demand

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People of all ages are buying "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" toys faster than store employees can take them out of shipment boxes.

"A quarter after midnight it was a frenzy and everyone was ... reaching into new boxes of toys. I couldn't believe they were all 20-something going crazy over toys," said Cooper Burgess, 21, a junior from Oak Hill, Va., majoring in art education.

Toys 'R' Us sold out of all the Phantom Menace action figures, featuring characters in the movie such as Jar Jar Binks, Darth Maul and Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn. Most of the 12-inch action figures also sold out within four days of their arrival. A new shipment of "Phantom Menace" toys are expected to hit Toys 'R' Us shelves on Saturday or Sunday.

Although 12-inch action figures are scarce, Toys 'R' Us had an abundance of low demand Phantom Menace toys.

There are plenty of Dueling Action Darth Maul and Qui-Gon Jinn Spin Pop Candies, Kaadu, Jar Jar Binks and Sebulba Koosh balls, and Darth Maul 3-D ceramic figure painters to choose from.

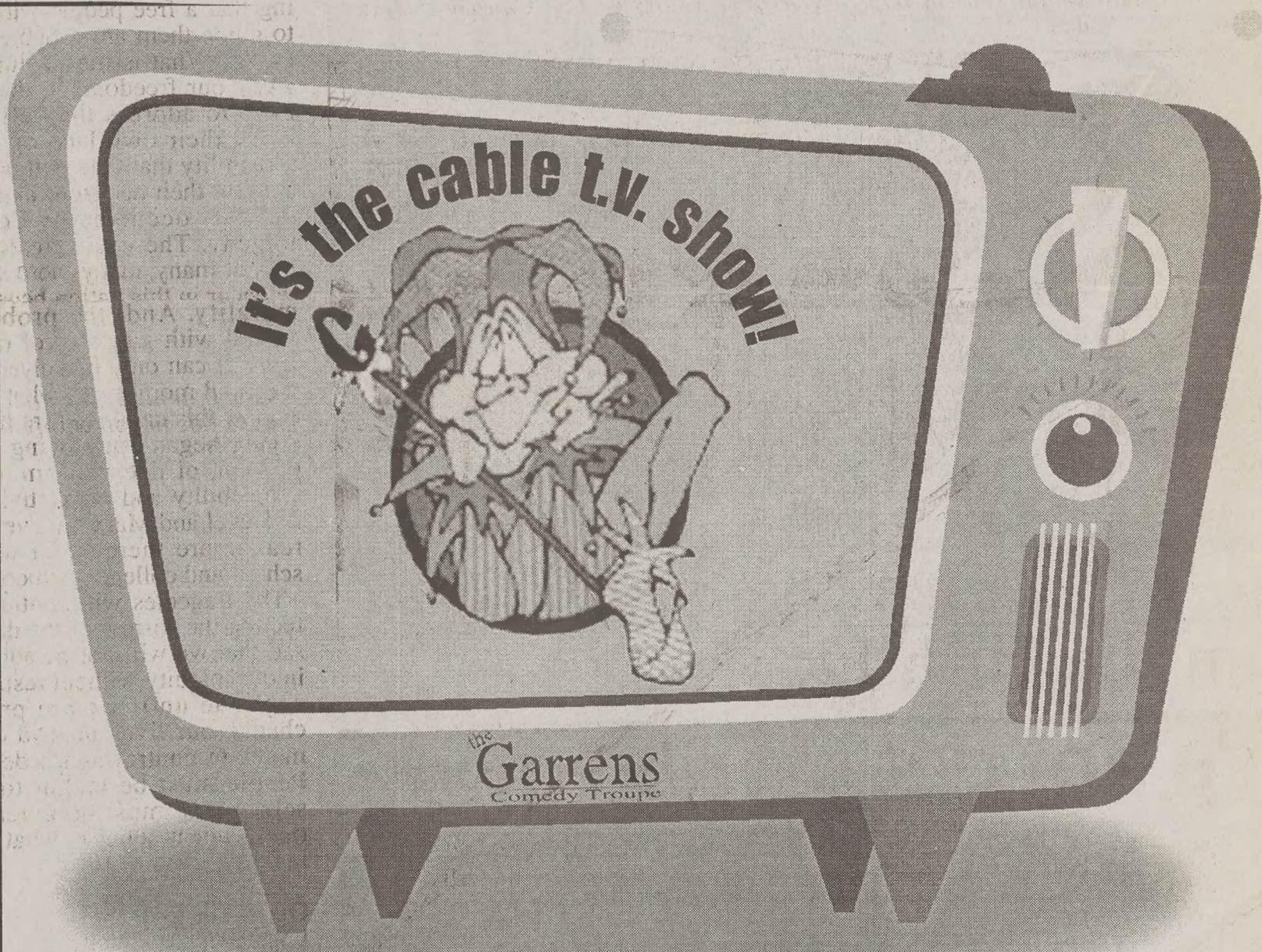
Many people spent hundreds of dollars on Star Wars toys only to leave them wrapped in their packages. They hope to be able to sell the toys in mint condition sometime in the distant future. But people should be

aware that the collectors' toys sold for thousands will be the original trilogy figures, not the Phantom Menace stuff.

"Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" merchandise has also made its debut in the BYU Bookstore as

part of the Spring Fantasy Display Contest between bookstore departments. Nicole Cox, a gift department merchandiser from Provo, created the Phantom Menace action figure display at the northeast entrance of the Bookstore.

The display is made out of liquid packing foam, sand, fabric, Christmas lights, a wooden pallet and Phantom Menace action figures. Cox and six students spent five hours on the display which will be judged this week by bookstore customers.



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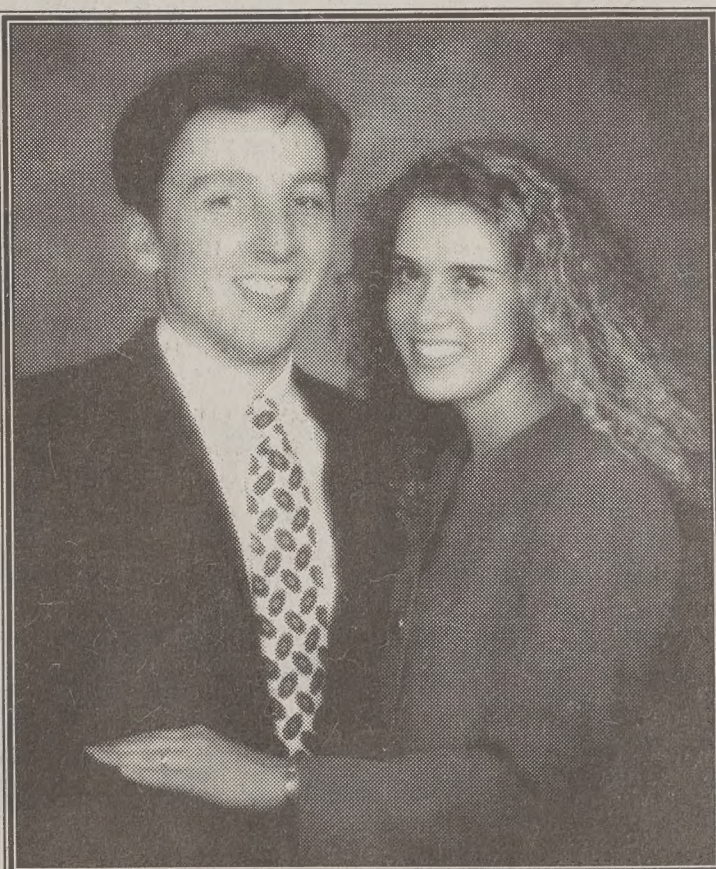


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Men's, Women's tracks head to WAC

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The No. 2-ranked BYU men's outdoor track and field team will participate in its final Western Athletic Conference Championship today through Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo. The 11 other WAC teams will also participate.

The Cougars have dominated the WAC, winning the outdoor championship 11 out of the last 14 years, including last year.

On July 1, BYU, along with the University of Wyoming, the University of New Mexico, Colorado State University, the Air Force Academy, the University of Utah, San Diego State University and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, will officially leave the WAC to begin the Mountain West Conference.

Coach Willard Hirschi, BYU's 14-time men's track and field WAC Coach of the Year, said he is deeply saddened that this will be the team's last WAC Tournament. He said leaving the WAC will devastate BYU's track and field program.

"The move to the MWC from the WAC is a huge step backwards for men's track and field at BYU," Hirschi said. "The level of competition is significantly degraded in the new conference and it is only a matter of time before BYU's program begins to degrade."

"We are going from the Celestial Kingdom of track and field in the WAC to Outer Darkness in the MWC," he said.

Assistant coach Sherald James, who oversees BYU's distance runners, said the move to the MWC was made without researching or studying the effects it will have on the Olympic sports such as track and field.

"We have too many lawyers and accountants who are making decisions without conducting in-depth studies into their effects, and are therefore unqualified to make them," James said.

Hirschi said that out of the eight schools making up the MWC, San Diego State and UNLV don't have men's track and field teams. He also said that Utah's team only has distance runners who run the 800-meters on up and that New Mexico's program has a limited budget. This leaves BYU, Colorado State, Wyoming and Air Force as the only fully operational teams in the new conference.

"BYU is the only team in the new conference that has a competitive track and field team," Hirschi said.

The team is entering its final WAC tournament with momentum, having won its last two meets. The two victories include the Cougars' last home meet in Provo on May 8 and the Utah Collegiate Championships in Logan

on May 12 when they defeated Utah, Weber State University and Utah State University.

Hirschi said he has confidence in his team as it enters the WAC Tournament.

"We have a superb team, as seen by the No. 2 ranking," Hirschi said. "We're strong in each event."

Leonard Myles-Mills, a BYU sprinter and the 1998 NCAA 100-meter champion said he likes the team's chances in Colorado.

"The team really looks good; we look stronger than we did at the beginning of the season," Myles-Mills said. "Despite a few injuries suffered by some of the guys on the team, we're still going to do well and there's no doubt we're going to win it again this year."

James said he thinks the WAC is a very competitive conference.

"Our conference is the toughest in the nation," James said. "If you take the top performers in our conference and put them up against the top guys from any other conference, we would be very competitive."

Even though the Cougars are confident in their abilities, the statistics show that BYU will face some tough competition from SMU and UTEP.

BYU athletes hold a total of 20 top three positions in 16 of the 21 track and field events. SMU and UTEP are the next closest teams with 10 athletes from each school in top three spots. BYU holds the top spot in seven of the 21 events.

One of the Cougars who has the top WAC result in an event this year is Myles-Mills, who ran a personal best time of 10.04 seconds in the 100-meters May 12. The time is the second fastest in BYU history and in the nation this year.

Other Cougars holding top WAC positions in track and field events include Kenneth Andam in the 200, Clayton Patch in the 400, Chad Durham in the 10,000, Kyle Grossarth in the 400-meter hurdles, Jeff Hanson in the pole vault and Mark Samseli in the triple jump.

Hirschi said that even though the members of the team compete on an individual basis in all the events besides the relays, they are still unified as a team.

"Our unity is excellent," Hirschi said. "These guys are a great group of athletes who pull for each other."

Myles-Mills said he thinks unity is important for a team to succeed.

"It's really incredible how we always encourage and try to support each and every athlete," Myles-Mills said. "The unity is there and it's strong — the unity really counts."

This will be the last opportunity for the 28 members of the team to improve their NCAA Championship qualifying marks or to qualify for the tournament, which will be in Boise, Idaho, on June 1 thru 5.



BYU high-jumper Mark Chen heads over the bar at the 1999 Collegiate Series meet at the University of Utah on April 10. Chen and the rest of the men's and women's track and field teams begin competing in the WAC championships in Fort Collins, Colo.

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Women's track team looks to maintain WAC dominance

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After demonstrating in-state supremacy in Logan last week, the BYU women's track team looks to top the WAC standings today through Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo.

Despite leaving their best distance runners in Provo, the No. 2-ranked Cougars outscored Utah, Weber State and Utah State to win the Utah Collegiate Championships. Other athletes made up for the absence of the dominating distance runners. Julie Bennion, ranked fifth in the nation in the 400-meter hurdles, set a new BYU record and Alicia Brimhall, ranked seventh in the long jump, added five inches to her season-high distance.

Eleven members of the BYU women's squad are ranked in the nation's top 10 in their respective

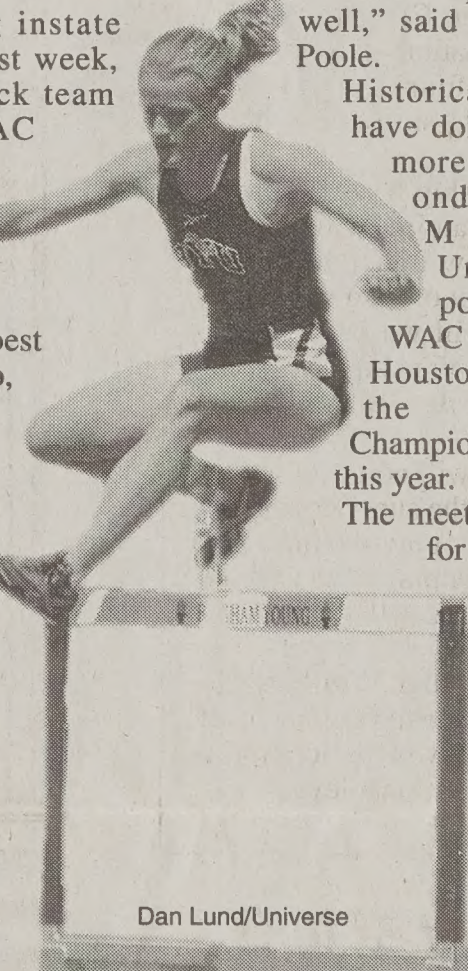
events and the team is confident about winning the WAC Championships.

"We expect to do very well," said head coach Craig Poole.

Historically, the Cougars have done just that. BYU more than tripled second-place Southern Methodist University's 78 points at last year's WAC Championships in Houston, Texas and won the Indoor WAC Championships in February this year.

The meet is the last chance for athletes to qualify for nationals at Idaho State University in June. For those who have qualified, it is an opportunity to improve. Treva Bryant, ranked 10th in the nation in the 800-meters, said she wants to

work on her times. "I'm going for a personal best and to get ready for nationals," she said.



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Two Cougars receive WAC honors

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Although the season is over, BYU baseball players are still being recognized for their talent.

The Western Athletic Conference released its 1999 All-WAC baseball teams, which included BYU senior second baseman Ryan Pond and junior rightfielder Gary Johnson. Johnson was named WAC Player of the Week for May 10-16 after a solid performance against the Utes over their three-game series.

For the second year in a row, Pond received All-WAC honors, this time being selected by the league's head coaches to the first team, and Johnson was named to the second team.

Pond led the WAC in home runs (23), slugging percentage (.724), was third in RBIs (65) and finished with a .340 batting average.

"It's always an honor to be selected, but at the same time it's disappointing looking back on the season, which is what counts, and knowing we didn't make it further," Pond said.

Johnson hit .388, was third in the WAC in on-base percentage (.506) and fifth in slugging percentage (.705).

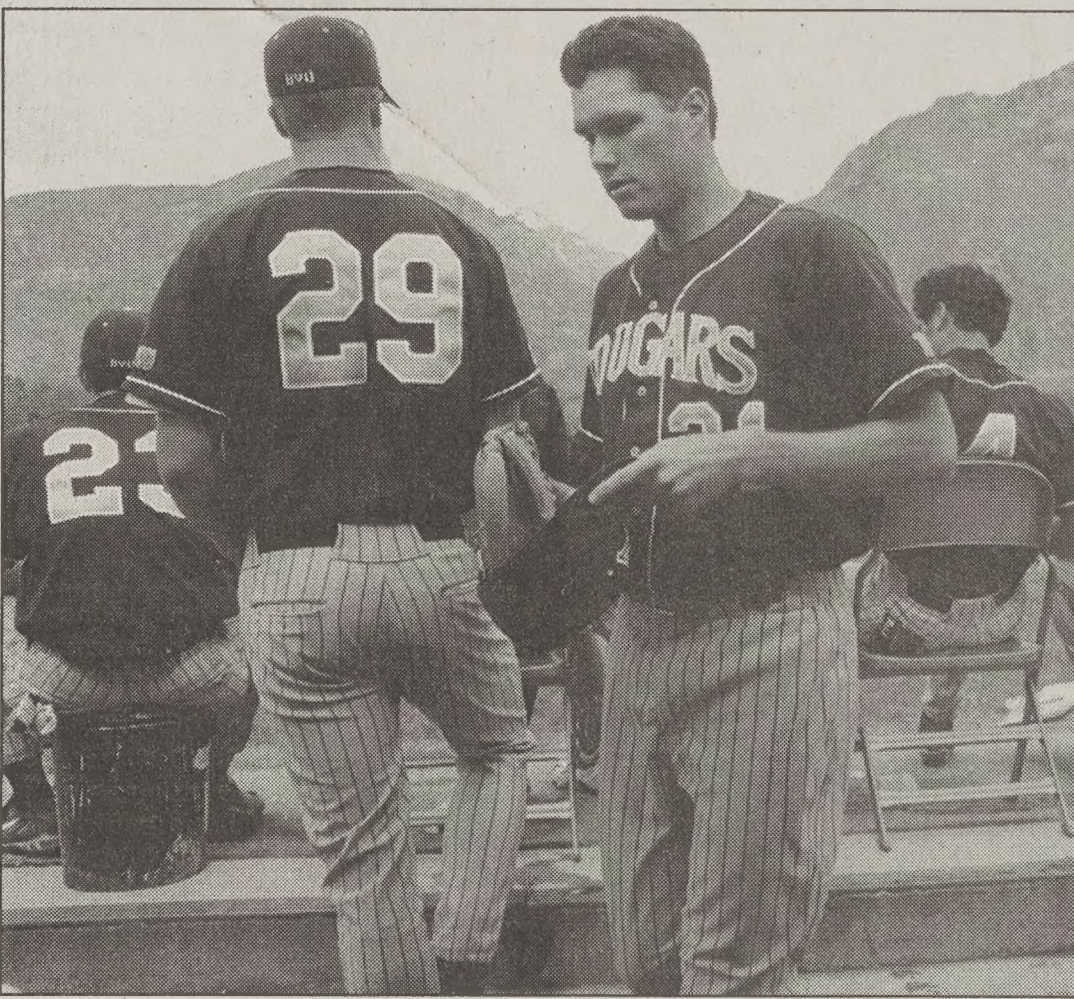
Johnson finished the season with a bang as he went 6-9 in two games. In the first game, he was 3-4 (2 HR, 5 RBIs). He missed the second game because of a pulled muscle, but came back in the season finale to hit 3-5 (1 HR, 3 RBIs).

"I think it's great to be honored by the WAC this way," Johnson said. "I just loved being here, playing and competing. I'm glad the year worked out well for me."

In spite of a losing season, BYU head coach Gary Pullins thought both players were well-deserving of the awards.

"These guys have been super to coach and gave great effort," Pullins said. "They made the most of this season. We'll certainly miss them."

Pond and Johnson now look forward to June and the Major League Baseball draft, with the hope of being selected just one more time.



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BYU outfielder Gary Johnson enters the dugout during the Cougars' three-game series with Utah last weekend. Johnson was named the WAC player of the week for his play during the series.

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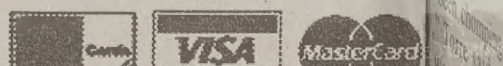
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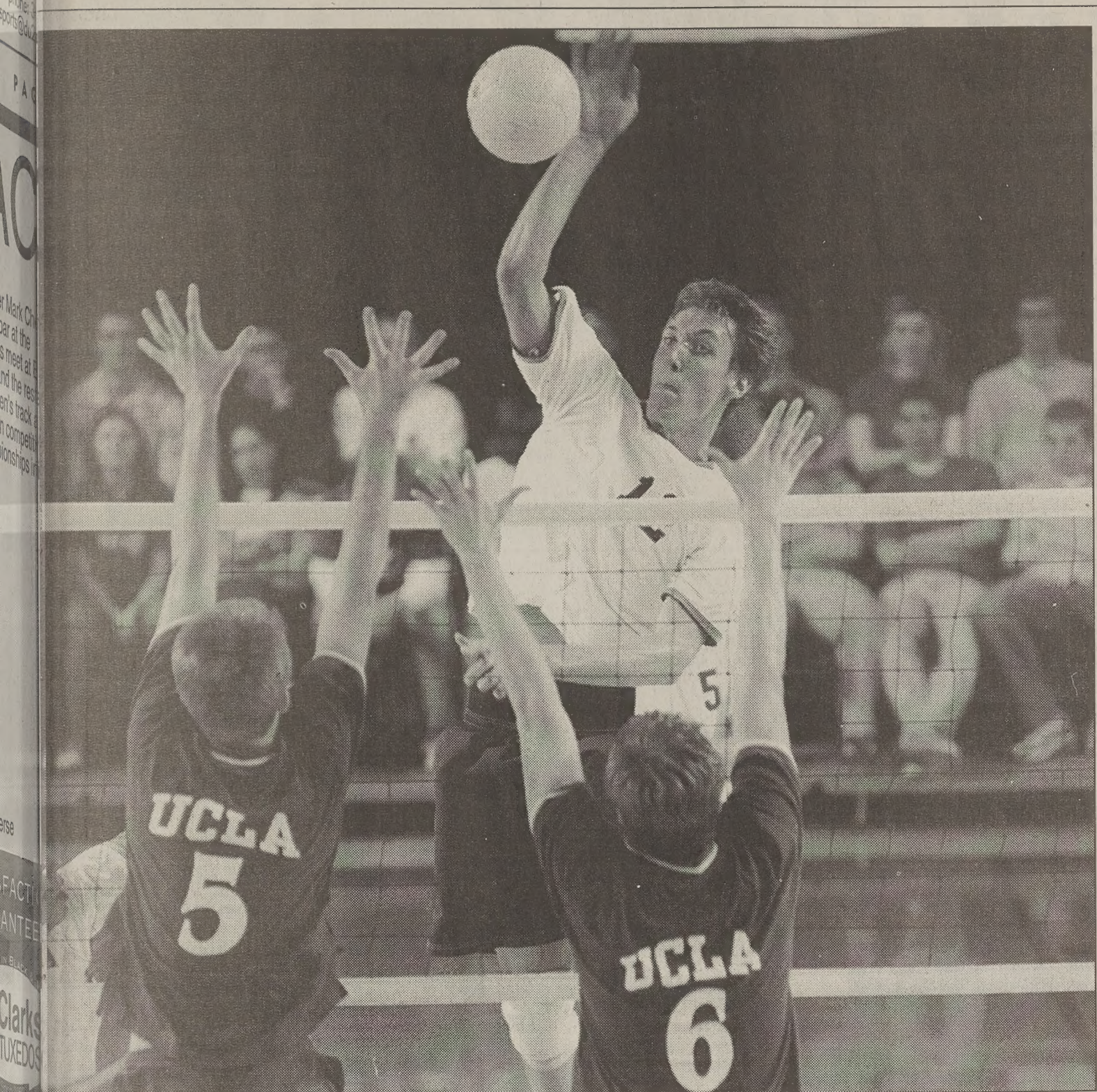
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senior middle blocker Ryan Millar goes for a spike against two UCLA would-be blockers in one of the teams' two matches in February. Millar has been invited to join the U.S. national title.

Millar invited to join U.S. team

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fresh off an all-tournament performance at the 1999 USA Men's Volleyball Championships, senior Ryan Millar has been invited to join the US National Men's Volleyball Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Millar will report for training in Colorado Springs on June 5, 1999.

The 6'8" middle blocker will join three other college players on the team, including AVCA National Player of the Year George Roumain (Pepperdine), Don Taliaferro (UCLA) and Adam Naeve (UCLA). Roumain, Taliaferro and Naeve will return to the elite ranks next season. Millar is the only candidate to remain to train for Olympic competition throughout the year.

Millar said he knows he will have to take his game to a higher level to be able to make the Olympic Team. He also said he knows the Olympic coaches will be looking for just that.

"This is something I have always wanted to do," Millar said. "I have to go out there and play well and show them what I can do. Hopefully I will end up playing in the Olympics in 2002."

Besides being a vital part of the Cougars' NCAA Championship run, Millar led the nation in hitting and blocks per game. Throughout his four-year career at BYU, Millar produced a combined 11 single-season and career records.

"Winning the NCAA Championship has given me a lot of confidence going into my training with the US National Team," Millar says. "I know I have the ability to accomplish my goals and with a lot of hard work and determination, I know everything will work out. It was my goal to win the national championship. Now, my next goal is to represent the United States in the Olympic Games in Sydney."

With the National Team, Millar will compete in several international competitions over the summer and into next year. According to Millar, his play during these competitions will go a long way in helping head coach Doug Beal determine the three-time All-American's ability to play at the Olympic level.

"The competition will be very tough," Millar said. "It will be challenging to take my game to the next level, but that is exactly what the coaches will be looking at whether or not I can play on an international level."

Yankees get Torre back, don't get win

Associated Press

STON — Joe Torre returned to the dugout of the New York Yankees on Tuesday, taking over a wobbling team exactly two days after undergoing surgery to remove a brain tumor.

In his first game back, Torre was not as sharp on the field - the Yankees lost 3-2 to the Boston Red Sox. Torre was just glad to be in the dugout again.

"I felt very good, no fatigue," Torre said. "I was very glad. I think I'd be jumpy."

Torre, who has guided the Yankees to two World Series championships in three years, said the club in Boston for the first time in a three-game series.

Even fans of the Yankees' bitter rivals were glad to see Torre back. A sellout crowd at Fenway Park gave him a two-minute standing ovation when he walked onto the field to present the team's MVP card, and the score flashed: "Welcome Back, Joe."

Torre said he was ready to do this about now, Torre said before the game. "I think I'm all the way back. I don't anticipate missing any more games."

Manager Don Zimmer, who managed the Yankees since 1975, said Torre's return was a relief. "It's a relief," Zimmer said. "It's a relief to have him back in his familiar role, sitting at the dugout and seeing his side in the dugout."

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Colorado, Buffalo advance over the Red Wings, Bruins

Associated Press

DETROIT — It's all over for the Detroit Red Wings, who saw their hopes for a Stanley Cup three-peat come crashing down Tuesday night.

And - again - it was the Colorado Avalanche who did them in. Peter Forsberg scored twice and Colorado goaltender Patrick Roy continued his outstanding play as the Avalanche beat the Red Wings 5-2 to win their second-round series in six games.

Milan Hejduk, Chris Drury and Joe Sakic also scored for Colorado. Nicklas Lidstrom and Darren McCarty scored for the Red Wings.

Roy, extending his NHL playoff record for wins to 107, had 35 saves. Chris Osgood had 26 saves for the Red Wings, who were attempting to become the first team to win three successive Stanley Cup championships since the New York Islanders won four straight between 1980-83.

It was the fourth straight win for the Avalanche, after falling behind 0-2 by losing the first two games on their home ice in Denver.

It was only the fourth time in team history the Red Wings had lost three home games in a playoff series, and the first since 1966 against the Montreal Canadiens.

With the victory, the Avalanche - who eliminated Detroit in the 1996

Western Conference finals en route to the Stanley Cup title - move on to the conference finals for the third time in the last four years. They will face the Dallas Stars for the right to play in the Cup finals.

It's also final in the East. Buffalo and Toronto will meet in the playoffs for the first time to decide who will face off for the Stanley Cup.

The Sabres advanced to the Eastern Conference final against division rival Toronto with a 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins in Game 6 on Tuesday night.

The fans chanted "We want the Leafs!" as the Sabres smothered the Bruins' offense and wound down a relatively easy night for injured goaltender Dominik Hasek.

Michael Peca, Wayne Primeau and Curtis Brown scored and Geoff Sanderson had a pair of assists as Buffalo limited Boston to 25 shots on Hasek.

Hasek showed no ill effects of an old groin injury that flared up in Buffalo's loss in Game 5, but the Sabres didn't let the Bruins test him too much.

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Jazz, Knicks win first games

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Three quarters of solid play and a fourth of shocking ineptitude added up to a loss for the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Blazers scored just five points in the fourth quarter of their 93-83 loss to the Utah Jazz in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals Tuesday night. That is the fewest scored in one quarter in NBA playoff history, one less than the Atlanta Hawks scored in the third quarter of a 1986 playoff game against Boston.

Karl Malone had 25 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, which trailed 78-74 entering the fourth quarter. The Trail Blazers missed their first eight shots and 12 of their first 13 in the fourth quarter as the Jazz won on an 11-1 run.

Portland, the league's youngest playoff team had outplayed Utah until self-destructing in the closing minutes with bad shot selection, turnovers and poor defense. Meanwhile, Utah got critical baskets from Malone and Bryon Russell while playing intimidating defense.

With one minute to play and the Blazers down by eight, the Jazz got consecutive baskets on offensive rebounds to seal the win. Portland had just two field goals in 16 attempts in the fourth quarter.

The Jazz won the opening game in their fifth straight series, a streak dating to last year's conference semifinals. Game 2 of the best-of-7 series is at the Delta Center on Thursday.

The Blazers played their first game in a week after sweeping Phoenix in the first round, while the Jazz finally eliminated Sacramento in Game 5 on Sunday. Portland's rest advantage was obvious in the first half, as the Blazers took a 15-point lead.

But Malone and Russell kept the Jazz close. Utah took the lead with eight minutes left and then watched the Blazers self-destruct.

Layups by Brian Grant and Damon Stoudamire were the Blazers' only field goals in the fourth quarter. Grant finished with 19 points, while Stoudamire added 15.

Russell finished with 18 points; John Stockton added 19. In Atlanta, Allan Houston picked up where he left off for the New York Knicks.

Houston, whose last-second basket gave New York a stunning victory over Miami in the first round, set a career playoff-high with 34 points Tuesday night to carry the Knicks to a 100-92 victory over the Atlanta Hawks in Game 1 of their second-round series.

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exploit the characteristic molecular abnormalities of cancer cells and allow us to make significant progress in eradicating this disease.

Dr. O'Neill was born and raised in Northern Ireland. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology with honors from the New University of Ulster at Coleraine. He obtained a research assistantship in the Biomedical Sciences Research Center, where he completed a Ph.D. He continued to work as a research officer and then senior research officer, and he also lectured in medical genetics. In 1992 he joined the BYU Department of Microbiology. He is currently associate director of the Brigham Young University Cancer Research Center. He recently received the College Creative Achievement Award for Research and the Karl G. Maeser Teaching Award.

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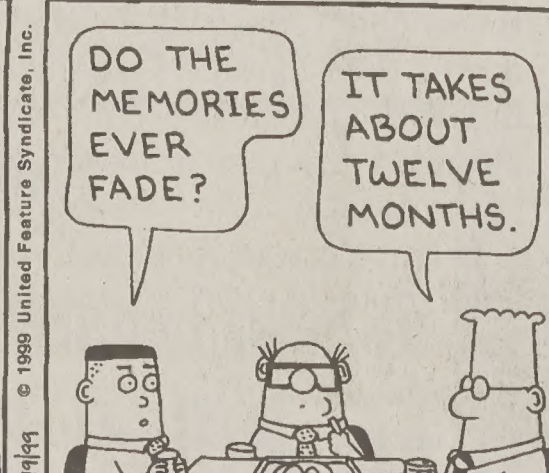
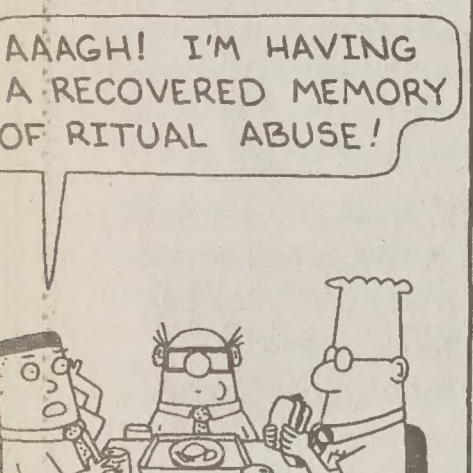
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istrict courts are ahead of
dictions in reviewing and
to improve the jury
e chairman of the Utah
istrict Judges says.

orth District Court Judge
Birmingham says his state's
ready doing some of what
ourt Justice Sandra Day
uggests.

oday at a two-day confer-
bolic trust and the courts,
encouraged state judicial
re-evaluate elements of
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mitting of peremptory and
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also called for improving
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courts a higher priority.

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and access is permitted
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said. "Very seldom here
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than two-and-a-half to

n says Utah jurisdictions
ly compared to others.

Utah is far ahead of juris-
e California that have
idars," said Birmingham,
mass jury assignment

meetings. "People there really are
herded like sheep. I think master cal-
endars are poor systems."

Current recommendations being
evaluated by the Utah Board of
District Court Judges include chang-
ing how juries are chosen and allow-
ing attorneys to ask voir dire ques-
tions of jurors, according to
Birmingham.

As for O'Connor's proposition that
judges present the law involved in a
given case at the beginning as well as
the ending, Birmingham said that
most Utah district judges already
comply.

Meanwhile, local attorneys have
mixed opinions on O'Connor's state-
ment that peremptory challenges
should be possibly limited and chal-
enges for cause reviewed.

Andrew McCullough, a general
practicing attorney from Orem
who also serves on the board of di-
rectors for Utah's branch of the
American Civil Liberties Union, says
O'Connor's suggestions are variably
applicable depending on the case.

"I guess the process has to fit rea-
sonableness and reality, and in that
sense I have no problems with
O'Connor's statements at all,"
McCullough said. "I don't see a lot
of abuse. I don't see though how you
can manipulate the jury pool much
with three peremptories."

"In cases where both sides have jury
consultants and things get out of
hand, there may ought to be brakes to

put on it," McCullough said.

From what he knows about Sandra
Day O'Connor's suggestion to limit
peremptory challenges because she
says they allow lawyers too much lee-
way in the selection process, attorney
Craig Snyder of the Provo firm of
Howard, Lewis, and Peterson says
doing so doesn't make sense.

"I don't know that I would agree
with limiting peremptory challenges,"
Snyder said. "You only get three
peremptory challenges anyway. It's
not like chopping down a forest."

"It's a time honored concept,"
Snyder said.

Considering O'Connor's assertion
that cause challenges, along with
extensive media coverage, "leaves
some courts to search for the most
ignorant and poorly informed citizens
to serve as jurors in high profile
cases," he said. However, these
instances are extremely rare, Snyder
said.

"Maybe with the Oklahoma City
bombing and similar cases it would
be a problem," Snyder said. "The fun-
damental concept is that you have to
find a juror that can disregard what he
has read and be able to pay attention
to the facts of the trial."

"A jury of your peers might be peo-
ple who don't have the same values,
intellectual abilities, etc.," Snyder
said. "You aren't entitled the most
intelligent but fair and impartial jury.
It's a cross section of the communi-
ty."

catch Fishing Day in Salem

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disabled children from
Valley gathered in Salem
annual Kids Fishing Day
at the U.S. Forest Service.
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stream of buses began
arly as 9 a.m.

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the U.S. Forest Service,
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wanted to provide them
f fishing and to expose
port of fishing and let
the great outdoors."

Ten years ago, the first fishing day
attracted only about 30 kids, Murray
said.

Nearly 300 volunteers from the
community took time to give fishing
tips and even hold the poles for some
of the children.

The forest service donated the poles
and bait.

Every child left with at least one
catch as volunteers placed fish on the
end of a few of the children's lines.

Other volunteers cleaned and pack-
aged the fish for the children to
take home.

Sarah Flinders, a U.S. Forest
Service employee, said the event is
highly anticipated.

"They're so excited to be here. They
look forward to this all year long. It's
something they don't get to do every
day," Flinders said.

The event also included free lunch

and hats, an appearance by Smoky
the Bear and an opportunity to meet
the Jazz dancers.

Roy Carter, an employee at
Oakridge School in Provo, said this
was one of the few recreation events
benefiting handicapped children.

"It doesn't seem like there are a lot
of opportunities out there," Carter
said.

Carter said many of the events for
handicapped children are poorly
organized and don't properly consider
the children's needs.

Despite his criticism of other events,
Carter said the fishing day was a suc-
cess.

"The kids seem to like this. I think
the kids are pretty excited about it,"
he said.

The smiles lining the banks of the
pond were perhaps the best indicators
of the event's success.

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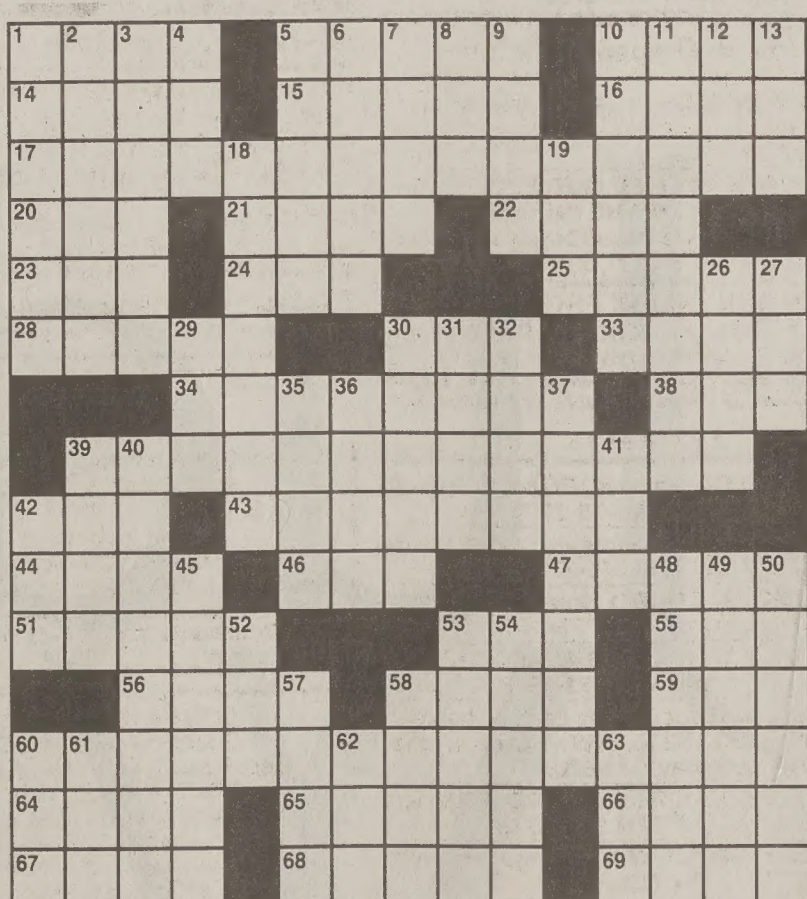
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Lawmakers discuss guns, school safety

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Three legislative committees are
scheduled to meet today in response
to Gov. Mike Leavitt's request for a
90-day study period on the issues of
gun violence and school safety.

The Education Interim Committee,
and a joint session of the Judiciary
and Law Enforcement and Criminal
Justice Interim Committees, will dis-
cuss items such as school environ-
ments, safety factors and strategies
for reducing gun violence.

Utah House Minority Leader Dave
Jones does not want to wait the full
90-days for the matter to be studied.

Jones said he and others have pre-
pared legislation on three items if the
session is called: not allowing people
with prior misdemeanor violations to
buy guns, mandating background
checks for firearms sold at gun shows
and requiring criminal records to be
forwarded to the Bureau of
Investigation when someone commits
a criminal offense.

Leaders of The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints have also
voiced concerns over the ease of
obtaining firearms.

"Churches are dedicated for the
worship of God and as havens from
the cares and concerns of the world.

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100 year lease plan. Because the
new road decreases the yardage of
the course, the reconstruction will
spill over onto land owned by
Stratton just north of the course.

The agreement says that when the
lease is up in 67 years, Stratton will
give the two holes built on his land to
the city. In exchange for Stratton's
land the city will give Stratton a par-
cel of land in the front of the course.
The .846 acreage parcel will be used
for a putting course.

"With the \$1.35 million given to
Stratton plus the cost of property plus
the cost of building a road, the esti-
mated cost of the intersection is
around \$3 million," said Deputy City
Attorney Greg Stephens.

The cost of the project was the main
concern of Councilmen Joseph
Andersen and Steve Heinz. They
were the two councilmembers who
voted against resolution on the agree-
ments.

"This could be called the Rolls
Royce intersection. \$3 million is an
awful lot of money for an intersec-
tion when there are so many other
areas needing improvement,"
Andersen said.

The intersection construction will
not begin until September 7. This
allows the golf course to be open
through the entire summer. For the
sake of the school, which will open
in October, construction is scheduled
to be done by Thanksgiving.

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own political agenda.

"I think they're being opportunists
and taking advantage of unfortunate
circumstances. Anytime someone
legislates with passions and emo-
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Simpson, executive director for the
state Republican Party.

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Hobble Creek decision delayed

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The Utah County Commission pushed back a decision Tuesday on a development of 39 lots in Hobble Creek Canyon.

Over 50 residents attended the meeting, many of whom are opposed to the Mountain Home development in Hobble Creek.

The Mountain Home Development owns 179 acres in Hobble Creek and is proposing a 117 acre development of 39 individual lots. The issue has been before the county for over a year, but no decision has been made because of the opposition it has generated.

"Certain issues have not been properly addressed," said Bill Bingham, a Provo resident.

Bingham and his wife Barbara have interest in the development because

of family property in Hobble Creek. They say the new development would negatively affect water supply, wildlife, septic tanks and aesthetic appearance of the area.

Barbara Bingham said the county needs to seek more information and review the data. She also said the development needs to be better planned.

The Bingham have been following the issue for over one year and said the development does not meet all the requirements necessary for development.

"We need to take a step back and look at the broad picture," said Tom Mower, a Salem resident and owner of 2,000 acres in Hobble Creek.

Mower has set aside his property for wildlife conservation. He is concerned about the impact the development will have on the community financially, aesthetically and environmentally.

Henry Gardner, a Hobble Creek resident, said common sense shows the 39 new lots will have a negative impact on water supply, air quality and sewage in the community. Gardner also questions who will be responsible for the additional costs the development will incur.

Although many residents are concerned with the development, Dwight Hill, director of environmental health for the county, said presently the development has passed all environmental tests.

Because of all the information presented in the meeting, the decision has been delayed until June 1.

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Utah farmers hope to stop being bugged

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Grant Smith has been farming for 50 years, and this year he's keeping a close eye out for grasshoppers and crickets.

Smith owns Cedar Valley Farm in Utah County. Smith's staff of five harvests 12,000 acres of wheat, barley, corn and alfalfa a year.

Smith had problems with grasshoppers last year and does not believe this year will be different.

"I'm concerned a little because it has been such a cold winter," Smith said.

Smith is one of many Utah County farmers expecting cricket and grasshopper problems this season. Smith and others hope to have help from agricultural entities such as the Utah State University Extension Office to prevent grasshoppers from destroying their crops this year.

Dean Minor, Extension Agent for Utah County, represents all farmers in Utah County.

Minor said when a farmer has a grasshopper or cricket problem, he sends a representative of the extension office to evaluate the infestation.

"The closer the crickets or grasshoppers are to farm land or residences, the higher the priority," Minor said.

Minor expects infestation to occur near the south tip of Utah Lake.

So far, Minor has not had any reports but expects problems as the weather starts to get warm.

Minor said it is better to treat grasshoppers and crickets when they first hatch and are more concentrated.

Greg Abbott is the plant protection and quarantine officer for the UDAF. Abbott said crickets are best treated with bait, while grasshoppers are best treated with aerial spray.

Once the state has verified the extent of the grasshopper and cricket problem a solution will be suggested and carried out, said Larry Lewis, public information officer for the UDAF.

The price of the treatment will be split between the state and the farmer, Lewis said.

Lewis said Congress has provided funds in the past.

Lewis said letters have been sent out to all five congressional offices asking for \$2 million to restore funding.

Lewis said the money will help five western states, including Utah.


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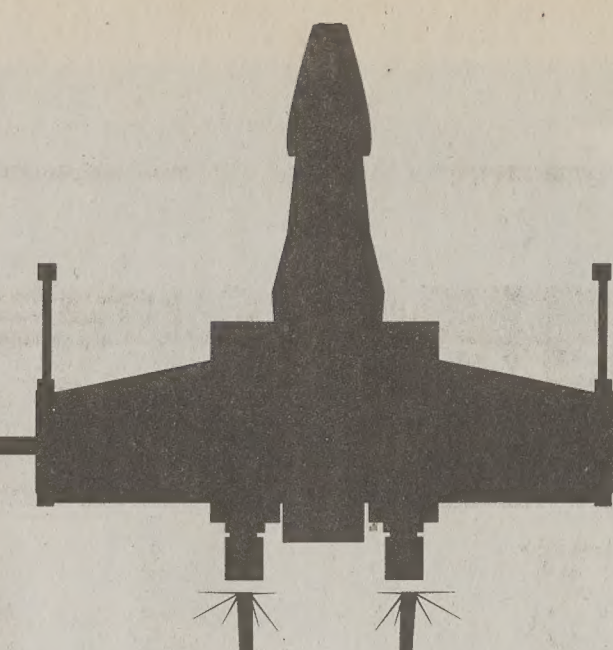
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